

Title:	John DeCou letter, 1830 [photocopy]		
Creator:	DeCou, John		
Dates of Material:	1830	Record Group Number:	RG 238
Summary of Contents:	1 letter; photocopied from microfilm		
Physical Description / Condition:	Material is in good condition.		
Administrative/ Biographical Sketch	<p>John DeCou (1766-1855) was a United Empire Loyalist and an early settler in Thorold Township at Decew Falls. John DeCou also served in the militia during the War of 1812; his home being the site to where Laura Secord travelled from Queenston to warn Lt. Fitzgibbon of an impending attack by US forces. After hostilities ceased John DeCou turned his efforts to milling and became a member of the Welland Canal Company. When the building of the first Welland Canal diminished the water power used to operate his mill, DeCou sold his property and established a new community, Decewsville, in Haldimand County, Ont. The family name appears in many forms: DeCou, DeCow and most commonly today, DeCew.</p> <p>The letter written June 13, 1830 in Thorold by John DeCou is to his son Edmund DeCou in Brantford, Ont. In the letter John DeCou is passing on some fatherly advice to his son. The letter is a photocopy from microfilm of originals held at the Archives of Ontario.</p>		
Location:	Brock University Archives		

Source Information:	Original available at Archives of Ontario.....		
Subject Headings:	600	DeCew family.	
Added Entries:	651	Thorold (Ont.) xHistory vSources.	
Related material held at other repositories:			
Described by:	Edie Williams	Date:	March 31, 2010